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**BRUTAL MURDER NEAR RODNEY VILLAGE;
WOMAN BEATEN TO DEATH BY A TRAMP****Miss Eliza Lowery Dragged From the Home of a Friend by a Heavily-Masked Man
Who Crushed Her Skull With a Heavy Club.****REFUSAL TO HAND OVER MONEY WAS THE DIRECT CAUSE OF THE CRIME****Murderer Left Body of Victim in the Yard and Made His Escape—Mrs. Coville, an Invalid, the
Only Other Occupant of the House, Unable to Raise an Alarm—Murder Not Discovered
Until Long After Daybreak—Country Being Scoured by Police and Farmers.**

One of the most brutal murders perpetrated in the western section of Ontario in many years was committed at an early hour this morning at the home of Benjamin Coville, a railway section employee, situated about 1 mile north of Rodney, Elgin County.

The victim was Miss Eliza Lowery, 65 years of age, sister of a well-known resident of Rodney.

The murderer was an unknown man, apparently a tramp, who, heavily masked, called at the Coville home and demanded money. As Mrs. Coville is an invalid, Miss Lowery answered the door, and when she refused the demand of the tramp, she was dragged into the yard and beaten to death with a heavy club.

Leaving his victim where he had ended her life, the murderer returned to the house and made a demand for money on Mrs. Coville, who turned over what cash was in the house.

As Mrs. Coville was unable to leave the house to raise an alarm nothing was known of the murder by the neighbors or at Rodney until 8 o'clock in the morning.

A search party was at once organized, and farmers for miles around Rodney have joined in the hunt for the murderer. The latter is threatened with lynching should he fall into the hands of the band in pursuit.

The tragedy is supposed to have occurred about 1 o'clock, which means that the murderer had at least seven hours start on the police and others who are searching for him. It is possible that he went direct to Rodney and boarded a train, although this is quite unlikely, as there is no night passenger train service for the village and freight trains, especially those of the Michigan Central, rarely, if ever, stop there.

Mrs. Coville and Miss Lowery were

the only members of the household who were at home last night. Mr. Coville is employed on one of the railways, and yesterday he was engaged at a point some distance from Rodney, and did not return home in the evening. Miss Lowery was a friend of the family, and it was customary for her to spend considerable of her time at the Coville home, as a companion to Mrs. Coville, who, being an invalid, could not be allowed to remain alone when her husband's work necessitated his absence over night. The home is a modest, though comfortable one, situated directly north of the village, and within a short distance of a number of farm houses.

When the knock was heard at the door this morning Miss Lowery answered. She asked the name of the stranger who sought admittance, and also the object of his visit, and she was told in a gruff voice that he wanted money. Miss Lowery refused to grant his request, whereupon the man seized her, and dragged her in her night apparel to the yard, where her body was found by the neighbors this morning, with the skull crushed in by a heavy club, which lay near by.

After committing the awful crime, the man returned to the house. He found Mrs. Coville, and on demanding money, and threatening Mrs. Coville with the same fate that had befallen Miss Lowery, he was told where he could get what cash was in the house. He took this and left.

Nothing whatever has been seen of the murderer since.

Mrs. Coville was able this morning to give the authorities a partial description of the man. He wore a heavy mask, which hid almost his entire face, but from the appearance of his hair she thought he was about 40 or 45 years of age.

The murderer was very unkempt in appearance, and had every appearance of being a tramp. He is believed to have been partly under the influence of liquor.

The crown attorney of Elgin County, Mr. McCrimmon, of St. Thomas,

was notified of the tragedy, and he had the county officers placed on the case immediately. The Attorney-General's department at Toronto was also notified, and it is probable that an officer will be sent to help run down the murderer.

An inquest is to be held by Coroner Dr. Dorland, of St. Thomas, at Rodney.

The farmers of the country around Rodney are worked up to a high state of excitement over the tragedy, and they are doing everything in their power to aid the authorities to run down the brute.

LATER INFORMATION**Police On Trail of a Tramp Who Spent Night in Sawmill at Rodney.**

A telephone message received at 2:30 this afternoon from Rodney was to the effect that the police and farmers had secured a clue to the tramp, who is supposed to have murdered Miss Lowery, and that they were close on his trail.

About 6 o'clock this morning a tramp was seen to leave the saw mill at Rodney and head for the country, but since then no person has set eyes upon him, although a large number of men are searching in the direction taken by him.

There are a number of different stories going the rounds at Rodney regarding the murderer. One is to the effect that when he entered the house he was heavily masked, and that Mrs. Coville was able to give only a partial description of him, but another is that the man wore no mask, and that the wife of the sectionman was thus able to give minute details regarding him. There are not a few around Rodney who believe that the perpetrator of the crime is a laborer who has been working in the locality or is very well acquainted with it. When he called at the Coville home he apparently thought Mrs. Coville answered the door, for he told Miss Lowery that he knew her (Mrs. Coville), twenty years ago. However, Mrs. Coville was not able to recognize him. Mrs. Coville did not readily give up what money was in the house, and she was roughly handled by the murderer.

The murdered woman was a sister of James Lowery, a farmer whose property borders on the limits of Rodney.

CARNEGIE'S NIECE WEDS**Secretly Harries Her Riding Teacher and Andrew Is Pleased.**

Saratoga, N. Y., April 18. — It became known today that Andrew Carnegie's niece Nancy, was secretly married about a year ago to a riding master named Andrew. Mrs. Carnegie was a riding teacher in the family. The family has no objection to the match. Mr. Carnegie is an honest, upright young man, 19 years of age, and is a very poor, honest man than a worthless duke. We want no rich men in the family. Mr. Carnegie said that Mr. and Mrs. Carnegie went to Europe immediately after their marriage. They returned a few days ago.

ROOSEVELT GOT HIS BEAR**So Big It Couldn't Climb Trees and Played Havoc With Dogs.**

Glenwood Springs, Col., April 18. — Secretary Loeb has given out the following official statement: Elmer Chapman, a courier from the President's camp, arrived at the Hotel Colorado, Glenwood Springs, last evening. He reported everybody well at camp and having a fine time. Early Monday afternoon the dogs tracked a big black male bear who was so big that he would not tree, but made a walking battle, killing one dog and crippling or wounding half a dozen others. By hard scrambling up the mountainside the President got near enough to shoot him. Chapman brought the hide with him and left it at a local taxidermist's to be mounted.

Hardinge Goes Home.

St. Petersburg, April 18. — The British ambassador, Sir Charles Hardinge, started today for England, on a month's holiday.

Walked Into River.

Winnipeg, Man., April 18. — An unknown woman deliberately walked into the Red River last evening and drowned herself within sight of several boys in about four feet of water. She sank without a struggle or the slightest attempt to spring out of the cold water, going to her death like one in a dream. The body was recovered about half an hour later.

JEFFERSON'S CONDITION**Reported a Little Better and the Doctor Is Encouraged.**

West Palm Beach, Fla., April 18. — The condition of Joseph Jefferson, the actor, was reported today as better than yesterday. The patient rested comfortably during the night. The doctor is slightly encouraged.

PRIMROSE DAY**Lord Beaconsfield's Statue Decorated on a Generous Scale.**

London, April 18. — Primrose Day was observed today with undiminished zeal. Lord Beaconsfield's statue was decorated on a generous scale. An enthusiastic free trader utilized the occasion by placing by the side of the statue a huge shield of primroses bearing the well-known quotation from remarks of the deceased statesman, "Protection is not only dead, but damned," picked out in forget-me-nots.

DUKE'S SLAYER TO DIE**Kaleff Asks the Court to Make Execution a Public One.**

Moscow, April 18. — In court today when sentence of death was passed, Kaleff shouted, "Execute your judgment as openly as I have acted before the eyes of all."

BRITISH ALIEN BILL**Prevents Landing of Paupers, Lunatics and Criminals.**

London, April 19. — The Government introduced an alien bill in the House of Commons yesterday. It prevents the landing of immigrants who are without means of support, of lunatics, of the infirm, and of criminals, except those of the political class. Sir Charles Dilke opposed the bill as interfering with the right of asylum and unnecessary.

**Captain of Scout Dies;
Two Blown to Pieces**

Kingston, April 19. — Capt. Allison, of the Government steamer Scout, who was so badly injured in the explosion which took place on board the vessel yesterday afternoon, died shortly after 10 o'clock this morning. He was in a low condition all night. His injuries were about the groin and were considered fatal from the start. The remains have been taken to Morrisburg. Investigation this morning, leads to

the conviction that Fred Coueur, pilot of Monte Bello, and Ewan Gillard, of Morrisburg, were blown to pieces. Both men were near the exploding buoy, Gillard being in the cage looking after the shuttles. The bodies were scattered on the water, a heavy, easterly wind blowing at the time. The crew are this morning testifying as to the explosion. The other injured men are slowly recovering from the shock.

**TUCK INLET FOR
G. T. P. TERMINAL****Point Said to Have Been Chosen Lies to South of Port Simpson.**

Victoria, B. C., April 18. — It is learned on the authority of one close to the present Government that an arrangement has already been made which practically settles the question of the Pacific terminals of the Grand Trunk Pacific. It has been felt for some time that the terminus would be further south than Port Simpson, and it is said to have been definitely selected at Tuck Inlet on Kaien Island, about 45 miles south of Port Simpson, usually regarded as the objective of the railway. The gentleman mentioned states that the Grand Trunk Pacific has purchased from the Government for \$1 per acre 10,000 acres on Kaien Island as a site for a future city on the north coast. This was placed under reserve about a year ago.

It is an island only at high tide, being separated from the mainland at that period. Only when the tide is out it is a peninsula. The harbor is said to be of the best, and the appearance of the ocean and protection of the harbor as good as can be desired.

CAN USE RIGHT-OF-WAY**Important Clause To Be Added to Railway Charters.**

Toronto, April 18. — The adjourned consideration of the bill of the Ontario Electric Company, before the railway committee this morning, developed a new feature, the right of way clause. This appeared in the additional clause by which the bill was amended on motion of Hon. Adam Beck, a clause, said Mr. Crawford, which will be added to all future railway charters, whether newly granted or renewed. Under this clause the Government reserves the power at all times to enter upon the right of way of the said company, and to dig up the same, erect thereon all necessary poles, or lay out necessary drains, gutters, and construct all cables, wires and poles of the transmission of electrical or other power, from any point in the Province of Ontario, to the works or plant of any municipality, or to any other works, or to the track and traffic wires and poles of the said company, and to remove or otherwise deal with.

Hon. W. J. Hanna, on nomination of Hon. Adam Beck, was elected chairman of the municipal bills committee, which will not meet until after the recess.

THE WEATHER.**Tomorrow—Fair and Cool.**

London, Wednesday, April 19. Sun rises, 5:23 a.m. Moon rises, 7:22 p.m. Sun sets, 7:04 p.m. Moon sets, 5:40 a.m. The weather today has been fair throughout the Dominion. The temperature from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces has been very slightly higher than yesterday, while in Manitoba and the Territories the rise has been more decided, and in most places today exceeded 60°. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Port Simpson, 36-58; Victoria, 52-60; Kamloops, 40-70; Calgary, 28-50; Edmonton, 28-67; Qu'Appelle, 24-49; Winnipeg, 22-60; Port Arthur, 18-48; Parry Sound, 26-36; Toronto, 26-41; Ottawa, 26-41; Montreal, 26-41; St. John, 22-41; Halifax, 24-48.

FORECASTS.

Wednesday, April 19—8 a.m. Today—Strong southerly winds; fair. Thursday—Northerly winds; fair and cool.

TEMPERATURES.
Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.
Calgary 29 39 Fair
Winnipeg 29 39 Fair
Parry Sound 36 48 Cloudy
Ottawa 28 32 Fair
Quebec 24 32 Fair
Montreal 26 30 Clear
Quebec 24 32 Cloudy
Father Point 26 30 Clear

WEATHER NOTES.
The weather continues fine and dry throughout the Dominion. The highest temperatures recorded yesterday were mostly between 38 and 42 in Ontario and Quebec, while in Manitoba and the Territories they were very generally about 60°.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Tuesday were: Highest, 58°; lowest, 22° above.

**RUSSIANS TO STAY
IN KAMRANH BAY
RUSSIA'S PRISONS
ARE OVERFLOWING****Rojevsky Will Remain There Until May 7.****Many Arrests of Workmen and Intellectuals.****CRUISERS TO GO OUT ON RAIDS****ANOTHER CLASH AT CAPITAL****A Big Fleet of Japanese Warships Sighted Off the Coast of Philippines.****Mounted Police Attempt to Suppress Demonstration of Workers and Many Are Injured.**

London, April 19.—A dispatch to a news agency from Tokyo says: "Information received here is taken to indicate that the Russian squadron proposed staying at Kamranh Bay until May 7. Admiral Rojevsky, in the meanwhile sending out cruisers to overhaul merchantmen proceeding along the trade route to the Straits of Formosa.

"The transports accompanying the Russian squadron are reported to be plying between Kamranh Bay and Saigon, under the merchant flag of Russia."

Will Await Fourth Fleet.

London, April 19. — The correspondent at Jibuti (on the Gulf of Aden) of the Daily Mail learns that some ships of the main Russian fleet joined the third Pacific squadron near Sokotra, and thence proceeded for Diego Garcia, where they will await the fourth Pacific squadron.

Will Not Pick Quarrel.

London, April 18. — Japanese diplomats and others in London regard the alleged breaches of neutrality by France in allowing the Russian second Pacific squadron to remain over time on the Coochin Chinese coast as one of the most serious developments in the situation. Minister Hayashi and Baron Suematsu, former Japanese Minister of the Interior, when seen today were disinclined to give a hasty expression of opinion or to anticipate official advice, giving the facts as to the period the Russian ships stay in French waters. Minister Hayashi was particularly reticent and said he preferred to await confirmation of the reports which have appeared to indicate a serious breach of neutrality. Baron Suematsu, who took a view that was far from being alarmist, said that if the report were true Japan would have good cause to complain. Japan, however, had no intention of picking a quarrel with France.

Japs On the Scout.

London, April 18.—The Daily Mail's correspondent at Singapore learns that Russian agents have cut the cable between Foo Chow and Formosa. A dispatch to the Daily Mail dated Manila, April 18, says: "This morning sixteen Japanese cruisers and torpedo-boat destroyers were scouting off Sempaloo Point."

An Achievement.

Paris, April 18.—The Russian naval attaché here, Capt. Yevanchine, in an interview, says he believes the strategic situation will lead Admiral Togo to await Admiral Rojevsky off Nagasaki, where Togo will have a base to repair his damaged ships. This is important owing to the Japanese not having reserve vessels. Capt. Yevanchine also declares that Rojevsky's lengthy voyage and daring entrance into the waters of the Japanese constitute an achievement without historical precedent.

Junks Hit Mines.

London, April 19.—A dispatch from Shanghai to the Morning Post says: Two junks have been blown up by Chinese near Chusan. The explosion of mines south of Shanghai is causing great apprehension for the safety of European mail steamers.

Senator Black Weds.

Montreal, April 18.—Senator R. Black, of Amherst, N.S., and Miss Bertha Clark, of Rexton, N.B., were married in this city today. The ceremony was of an extremely quiet nature, only a couple of close friends of the contracting parties being present.

A Seven Instrument Rural Company That Gave Good Returns.

(Special to The Advertiser.)

Ottawa, April 18. — At the telephone committee today, Thomas Bealey, of the township of Croton, Grey County, was examined. His company was called the Conn Telephone Company. They have 18 miles of line, and bought a mile from a doctor, making in all 21 miles. They paid \$125 for the three miles. The capital was \$1,500. He and his associates put \$1,300 into the line, and it paid six per cent the first seven months. They had seven phones and a connecting one. They were public phones, and it cost 15 cents a message. These messages were delivered. There was a demand among the farmers for phones, and it was the intention to increase the capital stock \$40,000, and extend the line.

29 CARS OF SETTLERS

Winnipeg, Man., April 19. — The barons of John Morris, near Holland, with three valuable horses, were destroyed by fire yesterday. Mr. Morris was badly burned in attempting to save the animals.

Robert Robertson, butcher, Carberry, dropped dead last night at his residence of heart failure.

Twenty-nine coaches, filled with settlers for the west, passed through Port William via the C. P. R. today for Winnipeg. At 5 o'clock this morning the first train with six coaches, at 2 o'clock this afternoon a third special with fifteen coaches, while this evening's train contained seven coaches. It is estimated that nearly 1,200 people passed through on these trains.

St. Petersburg, April 19. — The police are making numerous arrests of workmen and intellectuals, and the press is full of news of the arrests. Practically all the delegates to the Schidlovsky commission, which was created in February last to investigate the cause of discontent among the working classes are in custody.

Fired Upon Police.

St. Petersburg, April 19. — Mounted police yesterday attempted to suppress a demonstration of employees of the Putloff iron work after they had attended the funeral of a victim of a crane accident. A conflict ensued, the workmen firing revolvers and the police using the flat of their swords. Many were injured and arrested.

A Terrorist Fiction.

St. Petersburg, April 19. — The plea at Moscow of Kaleff, who was sentenced to death for the assassination of Grand Duke Sergius, that a state of civil war exists in Russia and that he was a prisoner of war and not an ordinary prisoner accused of a crime, is considered here to indicate the position which the terrorists will assume hereafter. Naturally such a position is not acknowledged by the Government, but the terrorists will persist in the fiction. Kaleff having been tried by a special commission of the Senate, against which there is no appeal, will be hanged probably within a fortnight.

St. Petersburg, April 19. — The circulation of revolutionary literature among the troops throughout Russia has now spread to the regiments of the Imperial Guards, and a general order has been issued to the Guard, forbidding them to "read proclamations thrust into your hands in the streets, or in your lodgings or to listen to these allies of Japan."

The Minister of Finance has assigned \$35,000,000 for new railroad construction in 1905.

WHEN BACK IS FRONT**Interesting Decision in Case Against the Toronto Street Railway.**

Toronto, April 19.—Judge Winchester this morning held the Toronto Street Railway Company \$2,500 for maintaining a nuisance on Avenue Road, endangering life. At the point in question the cars back up for about 150 yards, and recently a woman was killed by one of the cars. The company contended they were compelled to have fenders only at the front of the cars, and the new point of view was the front end of a car going backwards. It was decided that the cars must be in front of the moving car, no matter which way it is going.

DETROIT FOR THE C. L. A.**American City Has Lacrosse Fever and Wants to Enter League.**

Detroit, Mich., April 19. — An enthusiastic meeting of lacrosse followers was held last evening at which it was decided to enter a team in the Canadian Lacrosse Association, if possible. Practice will begin immediately, so that the team may be in good shape for the opening game at Chatham on May 24. With the exception of Frank McDonald, last year's team is still intact. Among the recruits are several fast players, including Albert Mooney, of the world's champion Montreal Shamrocks, and Art Forbes, of the Toronto Tecumsehs.

**Whitney's Spoils System
Hard On the Old Timers****No Consideration for Employees of Many Years' Standing As Hungry Army of Five Thousand Partisans Must Be Fed —Govt. Has No Policy Re Temiskaming Road.**

(Special to The Advertiser.)

Toronto, April 18.—There were no momentous deliberations in the course of the budget debate at today's session, which terminated at 6 p.m. in order to allow the members to attend the Speaker's dinner. The first orator of the day was Mr. Sam Clarke, the humorist of the Opposition, who kept the House in good spirits during his characteristic address of 90 minutes' duration. Mr. T. W. McGarry, the Conservative member for South Renfrew, followed in a well-delivered half-hour speech, in which he attacked some of Mr. Clarke's statements. The last speaker of the afternoon, Mr. Thompson, of Wentworth, was barely launched on his remarks when the hour for adjournment arrived.

Mr. Whitney stated that the Government's intention was that the House should adjourn from Thursday of this week to Monday, May 2. The budget debate would close technically tomorrow, but he informed Mr. Harcourt, the usual latitude would be allowed in discussing the estimates in committee. Therefore, members who have views to air on the budget will have ample opportunity to introduce them.

Compliments Mr. St. John.

Mr. Sam Clarke (W. Northumberland) in resuming the debate on the

budget, took occasion to congratulate the new Speaker and in doing so humorously recalled Mr. St. John's student days at Victoria College, Cobourg, and deplored the fact that the building which had turned out so many bright minds had now not a single sound mind in it, having been converted into an asylum. In felicitating the Premier upon his success, Mr. Clarke said he had never been one of those who maintained that all the fools were upon the Conservative side, and during the two previous sessions especially, he had held the view that the House had a good, capable, strong, many Opposition, and he knew it had not been difficult for Mr. Whitney to select an efficient cabinet. Continuing, Mr. Clarke said he did not know why the Liberals were on the left side of the House, he only knew they were there. The Government was happy, and the Opposition contented. His own mail, he said, was not so heavy now, as deputations met him at the station, and no one wanted to drive him home. He enjoyed unworried peace on Saturdays and Sundays.

The Government was having stress on the abolition of the numbered ballot. Mr. Clarke contended that the numbered ballot was honest and fair, as was shown by the recent election. He contended that the Liberal party had ever wanted to make a wrongful use of the ballot, but the result showed this had not been so.

The present Premier had gained the (Continued on page 3.)

**SEVEN CHILDREN
BURNED TO DEATH
MENTAL DISORDERS
ON THE INCREASE****Terrible Tragedy in a French Family Below Quebec City.**

Montreal, April 18. — A dispatch from St. Anne de Papocaterie, some 75 miles below Quebec, reports that in a fire last night at the house of Charles Boucher, seven children belonging to the Boucher family were burned to death. Mr. and Mrs. Boucher escaped from the house, but were badly burned.

Winterten Is Dead.

Rapid City, Man., April 18. — Allan Winterten, of Basswood, who, while drilling for coal about four miles from here, was injured by a premature explosion of dynamite, died last evening.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE NORTHWEST
ARE SATISFIED WITH THE BILL**

Ottawa, April 18. — Mr. D. W. Bole (Winnipeg), continuing the debate on the autonomy bill today, resented the insinuation that the western members were influenced by the prospect of office. Speaking of the terms of the bill, he said the ideal boundary division of the west would be to make two provinces of land comprised in the territories and Manitoba — (Opposition hear, hear) — but the time for that division was long since past. The central division would be made at about Regina. He had no doubt the Government would listen favorably to the request for the extension of the boundaries of Manitoba northward. He had been told to "listen to the voice of Manitoba." What was that voice? Manitoba and Ontario gave large majorities in favor of extending Manitoba.

Alienist Burgess, of Montreal, Calls for Use of Stringent Measures.

San Antonio, Texas, April 19. — The 61st annual meeting of the American Medico-Psychological Association is in session here. About 100 alienists are in attendance. The meeting will continue three days. It is presided over by President F. W. Burgess, of Montreal, Que. The feature of yesterday, the first day, was the annual address of President Burgess on the history and conditions of the insane asylums of Canada. He said that the rate of increase in mental disorders is so great as to call for stringent measures to suppress it. President Burgess denounced the spoils system of making appointments to positions in asylums as a reward for party service.

"What about Quebec?" asked Mr. Bergeron. "Quebec," replied Mr. Bole, "gave a majority of three or four to the remedial legislation providing for separate schools pure and simple, along denominational lines, should not be imposed upon Manitoba." (Applause.) This evening Mr. Bole said he felt sure that 90 per cent of the people of the Northwest are perfectly satisfied with the present condition of educational matters, and staked his reputation that Mr. Oliver would be elected by 3,000 majority, if not by acclamation. He quoted extensively from western newspapers and interviews to show that the people are satisfied with the Government bills. He believed the yellow journals of Toronto would find their purpose on this occasion, and said the Government had wisely chosen the middle course of compromise.